

NEPA COMPLIANCE RECORD FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX)
CX-NM-060-2003-060
James Hamilton Construction Company

BLM Office: Roswell Field Office
Proposed Action Title/Type: Mineral Material Exploration from Existing Pit
and adjacent locations.

Location of Proposed Action: T. 16 S., R. 20 E., NMPM, Sec. 21

Description of Proposed Action: The James Hamilton Construction Company has expressed a need to explore for mineral materials (Sand & Gravel). The testing is to be done within an existing pit and adjacent areas.

Part I: Plan Conformance Review

The proposed action is in accordance with the approved Roswell Resource Management Plan (RMP), and is consistent with existing Bureau policy and guidance.

The proposed action is consistent with State and local government programs, plans, zoning, and applicable regulations. The land is suitable for the proposed use and would not result in any undue or unnecessary environmental degradation.

Part II: NEPA Review

This proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4, F (10). It has been reviewed and none of the exceptions described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

/s/Jerry Dutchover	2/10/03
_____ Jerry Dutchover, Geologist	_____ Date
/s/Irene M. Gonzales	2/10/03
_____ Irene M. Gonzales Environmental Coordinator	_____ Date

III. Decision

I have reviewed the proposed action and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with existing Bureau policy and guidance and that the action is categorically excluded from NEPA documentation. It is my decision to implement the proposed project subject to BLM Standard Terms and Conditions for Mineral Material Sites.

Compliance and Monitoring: The construction phase of this proposed action and subsequent operational phases will be monitored as per regulation.

/s/Armando A. Lopez	2/10/03
_____ For Larry D. Bray Assistant Field Manager Lands and Minerals	_____ Date